

The fact that Sinclair Broadcasting's executives in their ivory towers can force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair has been given the "privilege" of using the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest, not corporate interest. When large companies control the airwaves, the trend has been that we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what is good for our democracy. Instead of an obviously partisan, self-serving and inaccurately scripted propaganda piece produced at "News Central" far away, it's far more important that we see unbiased substantive accurate content about issues that matter to all viewers of the community that is served.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to include an actual review of each licensee holders track record in serving the public over the course of the previous licensing period. And certainly should involve more than returning a postcard to the FCC. Thank you.